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In re the Application of: **Yoshikazu ICHiyAMA**

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For: **MAGNETIC FLUID BEARING MOTOR EMPLOYING POROUS SLEEVE**

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application is hereby requested for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed:

JAPANESE APPLICATION NO. 2000-394370, Filed December 26, 2000

In support of this claim, the requisite certified copy of said original foreign application is filed herewith.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the applicant has complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119 and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of a said document. In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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